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## FEELING BLUE



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**TOP:** Marshall head coach Tom Herrion motions to an official from the sidelines in the second half. **BOTTOM:** Senior guard Shaquille Johnson lifts his arm to defend Memphis guard Chris Crawford. **RIGHT:** Sophomore DeAndre Kane hunches toward the floor following a missed dunk and subsequent technical foul call.

## Tigers outscore Thundering Herd in second half

BY JARROD CLAY  
THE PARTHENON

After winning three consecutive conference games, Marshall University looked to continue its run against first-place Memphis, but after trailing just five points at the half, the Herd came unhinged losing to the Memphis Tigers 87-67.

Marshall played arguably

its worst defensive game of the season, allowing Memphis to shoot 60 percent from the field, including a 69 percent performance from two-point range and 13 Tiger dunks.

“Obviously, a disappointing performance by us in a lot of areas, but our defense was nonexistent, thoroughly disappointed in that,” said Marshall head coach Tom

Herrion. “We offered zero-to-little resistance,” Herrion said. “I’m really, really, really disappointed in that. Obviously I didn’t do a good enough job getting our kids ready to play and I’ll take the blame for that. Give Memphis a lot of credit — they’re talented — but we contributed mightily to that performance today.”

Marshall’s defense improved

in the second half after allowing Memphis to shoot 64 percent from the field scoring 42 points.

“That was as bad a defensive performance maybe since I’ve been here,” Herrion said. “Give them credit, they’re very talented, I understand that, but I’m so disappointed in our defense today.”

The Herd kept the game close until Memphis went on

an 11-2 run from just under the eight minute mark in the second half.

“We missed a couple opportunities, but just because you miss a couple opportunities doesn’t mean that the game end,” said Marshall junior Dennis Tinnon. “We just had to keep fighting. We let the game slip away from us, and one of the things that really bit us was the defense, on

87-67

the defensive end they really killed us.”

The Tigers dominated the Herd inside, scoring 52 points in the paint, led by Tarik Black. The sophomore forward went 8-8 from the floor with seven

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## Pi Kappa Phi pedals for Push

BY ASHLEY FOSTER  
THE PARTHENON

Students, faculty, and community members came out to the Memorial Student Center plaza to participate in Pedals for Push America on Thursday and Friday.

Pi Kappa Phi played host to the event. All proceeds from Pedals for Push went to Push America, which is an organization that helps people with disabilities.

During the event, there were three bicycles set up on trainers. Participants signed up to ride the bicycles at hour intervals. Pedals for Push was a 24-hour event. For the fundraiser to count, at least one bicycle had to be going during all 24 hours. Push America is Pi Kappa Phi’s national philanthropy. This year’s goal for all Push America events at Marshall is \$3,300 and Pedals for Push America put them well on

their way to achieving their goal.

Bruce Thomson, senior psychology major from Kensington, Md. is this year’s chair of Push America events. Thompson said they were able to keep all three bicycles going during most of the 24 hours.

“The turn-out was much better than I had expected,” Thompson said. “I think it’s a good event for students to realize how many people

are living with a disability. More than likely they know someone with a disability and being aware of it and respecting it is always a good thing. People were very enthusiastic about this event and we appreciate that.”

Participants extended farther than Marshall students. Huntington Mayor Kim Wolfe stopped by to pedal, dressed in full suit. Several

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Danny Holderby, senior secondary education major from Rome Township, Ohio, and Lindsay Hansen, senior applied math major from Portland, Maine pedal during Friday’s event.





# SEAC to bring Deep Green Resistance

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Student of Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) invited environmental radical group Deep Green Resistance to speak at a panel discussion.

“They will be talking about activism and how it slows down progress,” said Lauren Kemp, member of SEAC.

Deep Green Resistance organized radical protests such as tree sits on Coal River Mountain to fight mountaintop removal in West Virginia.

“The discussion will focus on Blair Mountain and how activism will make a

difference,” Kemp said. Blair Mountain was removed from West Virginia’s historical landmark registry for trivial filing mistakes, Kemp said.

Blair Mountain was the site of a large encounter between coal miners and the United States government, supported by the coal industry, to stop the creation of unions, Kemp said.

Deep Green Resistance started their national speaking tour in February, and has planned stops near the Tri-State area in early March.

The discussion is planned for Monday, March 12.

# Shewey Science Academy gears up for fourth year

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The June Harless Center for Rural Development and Research is preparing for the Shewey Science Academy.

The Shewey Science Academy is a science summer camp made possible by the donation of Charles Shewey, created specifically to invest in Mingo County students and science education.

“We are in the fourth year of the Shewey Science Academy, and we think we do it better every year,” said Steve Beckelhimer, coordinator of the academy. “We want to increase student skills and confidence in science and assist in 21st century ideas.”

The Shewey Science

Academy began with one center in Kermit of Mingo County and has now expanded to four academies across the county.

“Every child who wants to go to an academy can get to an academy,” Beckelhimer said. “We have kids from public schools plus private schools.”

The Shewey Science Academy begins with one week of intensive teacher training and ends with two weeks of camp for students taught by the teachers of Mingo County — not the June Harless staff.

“We also feel like these kids are building capacity,” Beckelhimer said. “It’s not Marshall University coming down and doing these camps with kids — these



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
A student teacher involved with the Shewey Science Academy works with students on problem solving skills in the classroom.

kids are seeing that their teachers are the experts.” The students of previous camps have shown a significant improvement in their pretest and posttest

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# AIDE benefits students interested in digital evidence

BY KAYLA MARCUM  
THE PARTHENON

In 2012, it’s nearly impossible to escape technology. From cell phones and computers to automated banking, it is a digital world. The Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence (AIDE) has its own chapter at Marshall University for this reason.

Student president of AIDE, Jonathon Sisson, said he thinks it’s important for Marshall students to understand the “path” of digital

evidence and how it could affect them later in life.

“We’re trying to get students to understand that digital evidence is a big part of their lives,” Sisson said. “There are all kinds of people who will have to deal with digital evidence in their career so getting to understand it now while they’re at Marshall is actually fundamental for their success.”

Sisson said although AIDE is beneficial to any major, he thinks it is most important for criminal justice majors.

“In my opinion, if there are 30 criminal justice majors, there should be at least 30 members in AIDE,” Sisson said.

Vice president and secretary of AIDE, Catherine Rupp, said being a part of the organization is highly beneficial not only to one’s job outlook and resume building, but also as a part of giving back to the community.

“First of all, you get your name out there with some people in the same field

as you, and it’s great for connecting with others,” Rupp said. “One of the big things we’re doing is giving presentations to different schools. Nicholas County had a high school group come through, and we did some presentations for them. We’re hoping to expand on that some more.”

Sisson said AIDE is also useful in teaching students what digital evidence to not leave behind, such as pictures on Facebook.

“With Facebook, you’re

looking at a fun, social network where people can connect with friends and family,” Sisson said. “So when you go out and have a good time with your friends, you’re quick to put a picture on Facebook. But that’s going to stay there and when you’re going out looking for a job or to get into grad school, any information that you put on Facebook is basically permanent for anyone to see.”

Sisson said he thinks people should join AIDE

because it’s going to provide them with access to new technologies, training and networking with people in locally and those already working in digital evidence.

“I just think it’s a great educational opportunity,” Rupp said. “It’s a field that’s continuing to grow and the job outlook right now is increasing and looking great.”

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# Drinko sponsors contest to develop name for librarian’s radio show

THE PARTHENON

A contest is currently open to students up to the challenge of creating a name for the radio show of a librarian at the John Deaver Drinko Library.

Thomas Walker, music and digital services librarian, is the host of a jazz show on WMUL-FM from 6 a.m. through 9 a.m. every Monday.

To enter, students must “like” the Marshall University Libraries Facebook page and post to the Facebook wall “Radio Show Contest” followed by the proposed name of the show. The contest will end Friday.

Walker said he came up with the idea for the contest after his first show at the start of the semester, and he suggested it to Kelli Johnson, reference and instruction librarian.

The contest is a way for the students to get involved with the library.

“It’s showing another side of librarians,” Johnson said. “I think students have a certain idea of what the library is and who librarians are, and we just kind of want to show that there’s more at the library than just books, and it’s not just a place to go study. There are dimensions to a

librarian.”

“Even though I’m a DJ, I’m still a librarian,” Walker said. “To get people to recognize this building, that’s probably what excites me the most about it.”

The winner will receive a WMUL-FM Polo, a \$10 Starbucks gift card and “I love the Drinko” T-shirt as prizes.

Walker said he started as a DJ in his college years as an undergraduate after he was encouraged by a professor to try it.

“I like to share collections, I like to give history of the music that’s out there,” Walker said. “I like to be able to share some of the rare pieces that I have in my collection that have taken me a long time to find, and a lot of people don’t know exist. To share the music is probably my favorite thing.”

Walker said within the next few weeks, one of his shows will be solely devoted to playing selections of jazz music that are available at Drinko Library. This way, if listeners hear something they like, they’ll know exactly where to find the music.

“If it’s available here, I’ll play it,” Walker said. “Again, it’s all about getting people into the library.”

# Residece life staff to meet with potential applicants

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Residence life staff is preparing the logistics to hire new student workers next fall by hosting informational meet and greets to those interested in applying to be a resident adviser.

Tracey Eggleston, residence life specialist for the department of housing and residence life, said the purpose of the meet and greets is to allow potential candidates to talk with current staff and ask questions about the resident adviser position.

“The meet and greets are important to the interview process because we want candidates to know what they are applying for,” Eggleston said. “Every job has its pros and cons, and it is important to know what you are applying for before

“We want to hire people who have the desire to make a change in people’s lives and give our residents wonderful experiences to think back on.”

> TRACEY EGGLESTON

going through the interview process.”

While the meet and greets are not an official component to the application or interview process to become a resident adviser, Eggleston said the staff does remember the names, faces and meaningful interactions pertaining to those in attendance. However, attendance does not affect the candidate positively or negatively.

“Coming to meet and greets is not mandatory, but attendance is suggested,”

Eggleston said. “We want people to apply for the job that truly understand it.”

Ebony Robinson, resident adviser of Holderby Hall, said when she applied for the position, the meet and greets helped her to better understand what to expect from the position and to more adequately prepare for the interview process.

“I remember seeing the community in the department and being excited about potentially being a part of that,” Robinson said.

“We want the resident adviser application process to be an enjoyable experience,” Eggleston said. “We want to hire people who have the desire to make a change in people’s lives and give our residents wonderful experiences to think back on.”

Eggleston said working in residence life has a great balance between work and play as well as friends for a lifetime.

Information outlining when and where the meet and greets will be conducted, can be found on the resident adviser application packet. The application can be accessed on the department of housing and residence life website. The earliest informational meeting was at 7 p.m. Sunday in the First-Year South Residence Hall.

# Community gathers to celebrate culture with Soul Food Feast

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The John Marshall Dining Room was filled Sunday afternoon, when the Marshall Community came together to celebrate culture, food and fellowship.

Students and community members were on hand to participate in the Annual Soul Food Feast. The event was presented in honor of Black History Month by the Center for African-American Students’ Programs

and the Black United Student organization.

The buffet-style meal included a variety of traditional soul foods like fried chicken, macaroni and cheese and chitterlings.

“It’s a celebration of

traditional African-American foods, which is a celebration of culture,” said Shari Clark, vice president of Multicultural Affairs.

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# SPORTS

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Tempers flare between sophomore guard DeAndre Kane and Memphis sophomore Joe Jackson (left) following a foul on a Memphis fast break. Kane was assessed a flagrant foul on the play. The sophomore guard would go on to receive two technicals later in the game.



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Junior forward Nigel Spikes takes a seat on the Marshall bench toward the end of the Herd's 87-67 loss to Memphis on Saturday. Spikes finished the game with six points and six rebounds.

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being dunks en route scoring 18 points.

"Once you see something is working that's what you stick with," Tinnon said. "I don't see them trying to change up anything. If they're penetrating and getting to the bucket, why settle for threes if you're getting into the paint?"

With the the Herd trailing 61-50 with 10:12 left on the clock, the game took a downward turn when Memphis' Joe Jackson was fouled by DeAndre Kane on a fast break layup.

Defending his teammate, Will Barton chest bumped Kane leading to a scuffle with all players on the floor involved, in addition to coaches from both sides. Play was halted for several minutes while the officials sorted out the mess.

DeAndre Kane received a flagrant foul for what the officials described to Herrion

as "excessive contact," a foul which Herrion disputed.

"I thought he made a hard foul, that's part of the game, isn't it?" Herrion said.

The confrontation included all ten players on the floor, including Marshall's Dennis Tinnon.

"DeAndre got the foul on Jackson, and I guess he took it a little overboard, and it just got a little carried away," Tinnon said. "It really wasn't a big deal. It was just a small issue. But when one of your teammates gets hurt it gets the other teammates rowdy. But it was just a misunderstanding."

After giving Kane the flagrant foul, the officials decided not to assess any fouls on Memphis.

After the standoff Marshall's frustrations with the officials and Memphis continued to build, resulting in technical fouls against Kane and Damier Pitts.

"I'm disappointed in that a

lot," Herrion said. "We unraveled, especially a couple of the older guys who are better leaders than that. Damier (Pitts) and DeAndre (Kane) can't get those technicals late, that's not characteristic of who we want to be and how we want to represent our program."

With only two games remaining before the start of the conference tournament, the Herd will look to right the ship against East Carolina when it travels to Greenville, N.C. for a Wednesday matchup.

"We've got to worry about beating East Carolina, that's all we can focus on, and not playing as poorly as we did today," Herrion said.

The Herd will play the Pirates on Wednesday before returning home to conclude the regular season against C-USA's second-place place team, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles.

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## Marshall softball uses stolen bases to race past opposition

BY LAWREN HIGHTOWER  
THE PARTHENON

Speed kills. The Marshall University softball team knows that. The Herd is looking to improve upon last year when the team led the NCAA in stolen bases per game.

Last year, the Herd fielded a team that had four players ranked in the top 100 in the NCAA in stolen bases.

Coach Shonda Stanton said she wished they could have stole home last year, but didn't downplay the importance of base running to the team.

"It's huge," Stanton said. "Once we get a kid on base, we know we can always get a player off of the bench who can

steal a base. Sometimes those stolen bases turn into runs, and that's what we hope for."

One reason for the Herd's success is assistant coach Amanda Williams. Williams played for the Herd for four years and is the Marshall career softball leader in, doubles, runs, at bats and ranks second in batting average, stolen bases, hits, walks and total bases. Her 69 doubles ranks her sixth all-time in the NCAA history.

Williams said she feels if the team can get people on base, it will only lead to good things.

"If we can get people on we don't have to use an out to advance the base runners," Williams said. "We have the speed where we can steal second base

and third base sometimes as well."

Williams said the team is lucky to have girls who have some good speed on their roster.

"Speed is always something you look for in the recruiting process, Williams said. "We have always been aggressive on the base paths, so its something we look for. We hope to have stolen bases every game."

One of the Herd's senior leaders is Jessica Hughes. Hughes has received her bachelor's degree and is working toward her master's degree in accounting.

Hughes ranked 54 in the nation last year in steals after she stole 23 bases in 27 attempts.

"Base running is definitely

one of my favorite parts of the game," Hughes said. "Just knowing I can control the defense with my speed gives our team an advantage."

Hughes is currently batting .300 this season with seven stolen bases out of eight attempts. She has 89 stolen bases in her Marshall career.

Another one of the Thundering Herd's key base runners is Taylor Thompson. Thompson is a junior communication disorders major. Thompson tied for second on the team last year with 21 stolen bases in 25 attempts.

"Usually if we get on and we are able to steal second base, we almost always score," Thompson said.

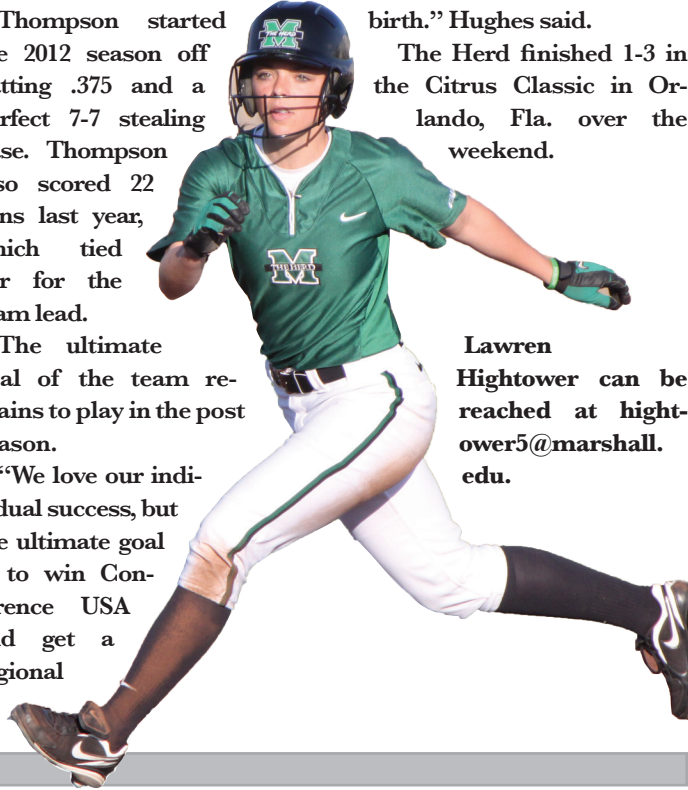
Thompson started the 2012 season off batting .375 and a perfect 7-7 stealing base. Thompson also scored 22 runs last year, which tied her for the team lead.

The ultimate goal of the team remains to play in the post season.

"We love our individual success, but the ultimate goal is to win Conference USA and get a regional

birth," Hughes said.

The Herd finished 1-3 in the Citrus Classic in Orlando, Fla. over the weekend.



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# OPINION

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### THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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#### COLUMN

## Consideration for the poor in the US in necessary

BY ALVARO HUERTA (MCT)

The poor get no respect in this country. As someone who experienced abject poverty in America's barrios, I know a thing or two about being disrespected due to my family's reliance on government aid for a temporary period.

When I was growing up, we received welfare, food stamps, Medicaid and public housing. Although my Mexican immigrant parents never committed any crimes, I felt a deep sense of shame, thanks to the slurs of many elected officials, public figures and media outlets.

Recently, Republicans have taken a leadership role in bashing the poor. GOP presidential contender Mitt Romney said he doesn't care too much for them. Newt Gingrich, another presidential aspirant, wants to do away with child labor laws, since inner-city kids "ought to learn how to go to work." Gingrich also has referred to President Barack Obama, on more than one occasion, as the "food stamp president."

Democratic leaders have failed to respond sufficiently by defending food stamps and other important safety net programs for those in need — especially during the terrible economic times we've been in.

It's no secret why the poor receive little attention from both Republicans and Democrats during election seasons. Poor people lack

the financial resources to make political contributions to political candidates and, now, the all-powerful Super PACs.

Disrespecting the poor is not new in America. Prior to the Great Depression, many politicians and national leaders also treated the poor with disdain. In the early 1900s, the powerful and rich commonly used words like "lazy" and "freeloaders" to describe the poor, placing the full burden of their bleak plight solely on their shoulders. It wasn't until the market crashed in 1929 and the middle class and some members of the upper class directly suffered when many Americans came to the harsh realization that structural factors affect individual behavior and outcomes.

If there's a silver lining in this country's economic calamities, it is that many Americans understand that financial markets periodically create uncertainty for the majority, while a privileged minority remains insulated.

Republican presidential candidates can rail all they want against food stamps, but for millions of Americans who, at no fault of their own, have had to rely on them to feed themselves and their families, the simple reality is this: The private sector left them stranded; only government assistance has kept them fed.

Making food stamps a campaign issue is a loser for Republicans. Too many Americans now recognize how vital the program is.

#### EDITORIAL

## Supreme Court should keep affirmative action at universities

If you're in college you've probably heard of it by now. You may not understand what it is or how it works, but you at least know the basic details of it: Affirmative action. Last week, the Supreme Court made a decision to rehear a case that could overturn the ability for universities to consider race when selecting applicants for admission. This would alter more than half a century of affirmative action policy. It comes as no surprise that the conservative Supreme Court that brought us Citizens United would choose to potentially end affirmative action. This case, Fisher v. University of Texas, could very well change the field of higher education and destroy several years' worth of progress made to add diversity to institutions that have traditionally been majority white and Asian.

Affirmative action is based around the principle that often times minorities go highly underrepresented in higher education. The measure is intended to offer minorities equal opportunity and to address current and past prejudices they have faced. The case is expected to be heard in November, right in the heart of the presidential election. If the Supreme Court rules to end affirmative action, or to strictly regulate its use for universities, it will be a sad day

for America. If the decision is made, there will be a significant drop in African-American and Hispanic students in colleges and graduate schools.

Affirmative action is not discriminatory, as conservatives often say. If anything, it is just and fair. It seeks to consider disparities between class and race, and combat them by offering equal opportunity to individuals that have been underrepresented in institutions of higher education and government agencies. Affirmative action allows a diverse spectrum, rather than one based solely on grade point averages, privilege and test scores. Minorities are surely not admitted solely because of affirmative action, but it further ensures diversity in public universities, rather than leaving it to standard admission requirements.

There is much to be lost if the decision to eliminate affirmative action occurs. Minorities will go underrepresented, and there will be a homogenous body of students. Let us hope the Supreme Court does not favor its conservative leanings on this case, which could potentially set America back 50 years of progress and further marginalize minorities.

#### POLITICAL CARTOON



#### COLUMN

## Feminism has many different meanings and interpretations

BY ERIN MILLER THE PARTHENON

Of all places to strike up an actual debate, Facebook is the medium responsible for this column. It started, unsurprisingly, with some random post by a girl I went to high school with. I was flipping through the pages of mundane updates (because, really, all I use Facebook for is to nose in on and judge the people I barely know anyway) when I noticed this particular peer was announcing that she was pregnant.

After fighting the urge to write "Oops" in the comment section, I moved on. Within the time it took me to get bored with the rest of the postings (which wasn't long), I flipped back to her page, you know, for nosing and judging purposes — and noticed her announcement had been commented on about a dozen times since I first

noticed it.

The first couple comments were congratulations and expressions of happiness (whatever), but it was another mutual acquaintance that really started the debate. She asked what "Preggers" intended to do about her job. Preggers spoke up in excitement that she was leaving work to be a stay-at-home mom and girlfriend.

This sparked an impressive Facebook fight. The girl who had asked immediately jumped on Preggers about how just because she had gotten pregnant she didn't have to throw everything away. Fine. Whatever. Facebook is not your personal soapbox. But it was the last line of her rant that irked me. "Women like you do nothing but hurt the feminist cause for those of us who really try."

Okay, don't get me wrong: I support the idea of feminism. I thoroughly

believe that all people are equal no matter their race, gender or sexual orientation. However, Nosey Commenter's statement stuck with me.

My mother left work when my sister and I were born. I've never really asked her opinion on herself in the realm of feminism, but I'm fairly sure she's never really thought about it. However, I have seen that women rewire our electric, repair half our home's plumbing, re-tile an entire level of the house and I can guarantee you she can change a tire with the best.

She has also maintained a happy and loving 25-year marriage, raised two children who really didn't want to be raised, all the while putting three home cooked meals on the table a day and keeping her house almost always impressively spotless.

I know there is more to

feminism than independence, but I can assure you my mother did not hurt anyone's cause when she left the working world.

I believe that feminism (like any equality movement) was originally desired to give women the option to do anything they want. If a woman wants to run for president of United States of America, then more power to her.

But I think we need to acknowledge a middle ground: The family women who want to stay at home and raise a family. Feminism gives her the option to rule the country (or world) but it was never a mandatory movement that is what we all must aspire too.

In essence, ladies, do what makes you happy — be it big or small — that's what your foremothers wanted.

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The Thundering Herd women’s basketball team honored its three seniors Sunday for the team’s final home game of the season. Alaya Mitchell (above), Lateidra Elliott and Nataia Jackson each played in their final game at the Cam Henderson Center. The Herd fell to East Carolina University in a heartbreaking overtime defeat.

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Festival Band Weekend having worked with it a great deal as an undergraduate.

“I always had a great time,” Yuhase said. “I liked to help the high schoolers because they seem to have a very positive experience every time. They really enjoy it. It gives us a chance to take what we learn at Marshall and apply it to their understanding of music.”

Saturday afternoon, the high school students entered the stage of Smith Recital Hall dressed in the

school colors of their band uniforms to perform to a crowded house of family and friends all that they learned during the weekend’s activities.

Adam O’Neal, senior saxophone player from Spring Valley High School, said he has participated in festival bands all through middle school and high school.

“It’s been a fun experience, and it’s been different music, different people directing every year so you get something new out of it every year,” O’Neal said. “You get something you can take back to your own school and maybe give

to your director or other students.”

O’Neal said part of what he loves about music is the emotion that one gets from it.

“It’s so powerful,” O’Neal said. “Through all different styles of music – jazz, classical – you just get something different out of everything.”

Shannon Palowitch, senior trumpet player from East Carter High School, said she loves music because it pushes her to work harder.

“I love that it’s challenging,” Palowitch said. “I have to work hard to get the new pieces, get the new notes. It’s

difficult and challenging and that’s what I like.”

Parsons said this year’s Festival Band Weekend was a huge success, and there are already high school band directors who want to be first on the list for next year’s festival.

“It’s not just a success for the number of students, but also the quality,” Parsons said. “Every year, the bands get better and better. They perform harder literature and just have a great experience with other band people and have a great arts festival.”

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The event provided another opportunity for the surrounding communities to gather with Marshall students and faculty.

Maurice Cooley, director of the Center for African American Students’ Programs, said the event is important because it brings people together.

“So many members

of the community look forward to the event because it’s a time they can come over to campus and be in the company of friends and enjoy great fellowship,” Cooley said.

The event has been taking place for more than 20 years.

The dinner was prepared by Sodexo and other local chefs. It took place in the John Marshall Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center.

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scores — both tests involve questions about general interest in science and content knowledge.

The Shewey Academy includes pre-service teachers, Mingo County teachers and interns that are high school students from previous Shewey Learning Academies.

The content of the camps changes from year to year.

Last year’s group was analyzing and working with

ground water, and this summer’s camp will have a “CSI” theme which lets kids work with DNA, finger printing, blood splatter and footprint analysis, Beckelhimer said.

“My goal is I want NASA to come recruit in Mingo County,” Beckelhimer said. “I want kids feeling confident and liking science, and frankly, I want them to come to Marshall to study science.”

The Shewey Learning Center staff is seeking to expand in the next few years to Wyoming and McDowell counties.

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Several Marshall Faculty members and staff also took part in the event. Many people brought their own bicycles and trainers to add to the amount of bikes.

Bree Johnson, senior finance major from Hurricane, W.Va. came out with her sorority sisters to

participate.

“This is an awesome cause and fun because it’s great exercise,” Johnson said. “I think it’s really important to support other Greek’s philanthropies because they support us!”

Push America is an organization started by Pi Kappa members in 1977. Their motto is “Building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today.”

Ray Harrell, student body president and Junior from Huntington W.Va. was one of the first members of Zeta Pi when it started at Marshall a year and a half ago.

“We are the only fraternity in the country that owns and operates their own philanthropy,” Harrell said. “To come out and raise money for people with disabilities is a

rewarding cause.”

Other Push America events this year will include the Miss Push America Pageant that will be in April. Zeta Pi members hope this event will be another successful event that will put them closer to reaching their fundraising goal for Push America.

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## There's music in the air

High school students visit Marshall for 11th annual Festival Band Weekend

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The Marshall University students in Smith Music Hall fill the air with the sounds of instruments such as trumpets, flutes and clarinets on a daily basis. This weekend, however, the harmonies and melodies that filled the hall came from the instruments of high school students.

This year marked the 11th annual Marshall University Festival Band Weekend. The festival brings in high school students and their band directors to Marshall for a three-day celebration of music where the students participate in concert honor bands. It also gives students the chance to see all that Marshall's music department has to offer.

"The students don't always get a chance to participate with students in their area or even outside of West Virginia," said Jennifer Parsons, music department recruiting coordinator. "There are a lot of schools that are not from



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Marco's Marauders perform Saturday in Smith Recital Hall for the 11th annual Marshall University Festival Band Weekend. The group is one of three concert honor bands at Marshall.

West Virginia here. They get an opportunity to perform with other musicians outside of their school. They get an opportunity to visit a college campus, to meet with some of the college students and also meet some of their professors that, if they decide to come to Marshall, will be their applied professors."

This year, 54 high schools from the Tri-State area

sent students to Marshall for Festival Band Weekend, said Steve Barnett, director of bands. There were more than 1,100 students nominated to participate by their band directors, and 363 were selected.

"I'm real pleased," Barnett said. "I never would've dreamed it would've gotten this large."

The 363 students spent

Thursday evening auditioning in front of members of Marshall's music department faculty for their placements in one of the festival's three concert honor bands, which include the John Marshall Band, the Thundering Herd Band and Marco's Marauders. The three bands rehearsed Friday and Saturday morning for the concert Saturday

afternoon. Three guest conductors were invited to partake in the festival. J.P. Lynch, Jr., director of bands at Jefferson High School, was the conductor of Marco's Marauders. Lynch said he was honored when Barnett asked him to be a part of the festival. "Generally, the students get a piece of music and they have about two to three

months to learn it, and then they have a concert," Lynch said. "This is more like a professional experience. In the professional world, you generally have a rehearsal, and then you have a concert. This is more of a real world, professional experience for them."

Along with rehearsing for the Saturday performance, the high school students attended a trombone choir performed by Marshall students and a showcase concert performed by Marshall's symphonic band and Marshall's wind symphony Friday.

The high school students also worked with Marshall's music department faculty in master classes that emphasized practice with specific instruments.

"It's wonderful for those high school kids," Barnett said. "Many times, they don't have the opportunity to study or to work with a with a professional on their instrument."

Shirelle Yuhase, music education graduate student from Wheeling, W.Va., is an experienced veteran when it comes to Festival Band Weekend, having worked with it a great deal as an undergraduate.

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Starstruck

Celebrities arrive at the 84th Annual Academy Awards show

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**TOP LEFT:** Christopher Plummer arrives at the 84th Annual Academy Awards show at the Hollywood and Highland Center in Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday. Plummer won the award for best actor in a supporting role for "Beginners."

**TOP RIGHT:** Emma Stone poses on the red carpet Sunday at the Oscars.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Octavia Spencer makes her entrance on the red carpet. Spencer won the award for best actress in a supporting role for her work in "The Help."

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Sandra Bullock and George Clooney chat before the awards show.